

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 8 and 13 have been amended to address the formal matters raised in the outstanding Official Action. Support for the changes to claims 8 and 13 may be found in the original claims and in the present specification at page 5, lines 1-10. Claim 11 has been canceled.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 8 and 13 were objected to for reciting a zero within the structure rather than an "O". As suggested by the Examiner, claims 8 and 13 have been amended to correct this informality. As a result, applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claim 11 was also rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by GASMENA 5,703,178. Applicants believe the present amendment obviates these rejections.


As noted above, claim 11 has been canceled. As a result, applicants believe that these rejections have been obviated.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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